

## CHIEF OF DETECTIVES

### NOTICE

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September 26, 2014

**TO:** All Concerned Personnel

**FROM:** Chief of Detectives

**SUBJECT:** DOMESTIC ABUSE RESPONSE TEAMS (DART) AND CIVILIAN  
ADVOCATES FIELD SAFETY BRIEF

The Department has thirteen (13) Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) programs operating within the City. Several of the programs involve sworn personnel transporting civilian personnel (advocates) in police vehicles to domestic violence related crime scenes for the purpose of providing advocacy, counseling, support, and resource information to the victim. The transportation of the advocates generally is after patrol resources have a Code 4 at the domestic violence incident.

A reminder that officer safety and sound tactics should remain paramount and never be compromised when transporting advocates to domestic violence related crime scenes. To optimize the potential for safety, sworn personnel must communicate the following to the advocate(s) at the start of each watch:

- A general field safety brief on the advocate's role in a spontaneous tactical situation which should include, but is not limited to, staying in the police vehicle and being a good witness, or leaving the vehicle for a place of safety, or in a last resort situation, taking control of the police vehicle and fleeing the scene for safety purposes; and,
- Demonstrate proper use of radio communications during "officer needs help" situations.

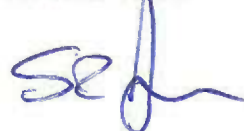
**Note:** The officers must document the advocate briefing on their Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Summary Report or CAD Summary Report equivalent.

Questions concerning this Notice should be directed to the Department Domestic Violence Coordinator, Detective Bureau at (213) 486-6612.



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